



Robert Joe "Bob" Kelly

June 23, 1936 - September 25, 2023

Robert Joe Kelly, 87, passed away on September 25, 2023.

He is survived by his loving wife and soulmate, Jean. He is also survived by their son, Steven and his wife, Lisa, granddaughters, Casey (Tim) Kirby, and Miranda Kelly.

Also, he is survived by his brothers, Larry, Dan, Gary and sister, Kathy. His parents, Lawrence and Doris, passed years ago. He is also preceded in death by his son, Michael Kelly.

He graduated from Doniphan High School in MO, earned a bachelor's degree from Harding College (now University), a master's degree from Arkansas State University and a Doctorate from the University of Mississippi.

He taught Business in high schools in Missouri and Arizona, and a professor of Business at Harding University where he was given a nickname by the students of "smiling Bob". At Harding he also served as Director of Testing, Director of Research, and Director of Outcomes Assessment. His most favorite position was being Assistant to the teacher of Wednesday Night First Grade Bible Class of College Church of Christ in Searcy, AR.

Bob had many loving friends. He loved to play golf, most recently with Joe,

Winfred, and Marvin. He enjoyed gardening and yardwork and traveling to Custer, South Dakota.

In lieu of flowers, contributions can be made to a Children's Home or to Children's Homes, Inc., 5515 Walcott Road, Paragould, AR 72450 or to Manuelito Navajo Children's Home, P.O. Box 58, Gallup, New Mexico 87305.

Visitation will be held from 6:00pm - 8:00pm, on Thursday, September 28, at Powell Funeral Home in Searcy. Funeral services will be conducted at 2:00pm, on Friday, September 29, at the College Church of Christ in Searcy. Interment will follow in White County Memorial Gardens.

Arrangements are entrusted to Powell Funeral Home of Searcy. www.powellfuneralhome.net

Cemetery Details

White County Memorial Gardens

Eastline Road
Searcy, AR 72143

Previous Events

Visitation

SEP **28.** 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Powell Funeral Home & Cremation Services (Searcy)
2602 W. Beebe-Capps Expy
Searcy, AR 72143
(501) 268-7220
searcy@powellfuneralhome.net
<https://www.powellfuneralhome.net/>

Funeral Service

SEP **29.** 2:00 PM (CT)

College Church Of Christ
712 E Race Ave
Searcy, AR 72143-4421
(501) 268-7156

Interment

SEP **29** (CT)

White County Memorial Gardens
Eastline Road
Searcy, AR 72143

Tribute Wall



“ Powell Funeral Home & Cremation Services created a Tribute Video in memory of Robert Joe "Bob" Kelly



Powell Funeral Home & Cremation Services - September 27, 2023 at 05:25 PM



“ From Stacy and Jacob purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Robert Joe "Bob" Kelly.



From Stacy and Jacob - September 28, 2023 at 02:52 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Robert Joe "Bob" Kelly.



September 28, 2023 at 10:44 AM



“ Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Robert Joe "Bob" Kelly.



September 27, 2023 at 06:39 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Robert Joe "Bob" Kelly.

September 27, 2023 at 05:34 PM



“ Blue Caribbean Bouquet was purchased for the family of Robert Joe "Bob" Kelly.



September 27, 2023 at 05:34 PM



“ Bob married my husband and I 53 years ago at Holly Springs Church of Christ and even came to our 25th wedding anniversary reception when it took place. He was such a nice man and we always enjoyed seeing him. My prayers for peace and comfort go out to his family. He will be forever missed.

Barbara Steward - September 27, 2023 at 10:31 AM